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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0502

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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS

1. SUDAN TRADE UNIONS MET AT SSU QUARTERS MARCH 8 AND ANNOUNCED MASS DEMONSTRATION FOR NOON SATURDAY, MARCH 10 TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT NIMAIRI' S MARCH 6 SPEECH AND TO " CONDEMN TREACHEROUS AGGRESSION". FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND MIN INTERIOR BAGHIR IS SCHEDULED GIVE MAJOR POLITICAL SPEECH. UNION ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD ALSO SEND CABLES OF CONDOLENCES TO US AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENTS AND WILL " DEMAND PUNISHMENT" OF THOSE WHO " VIOLATED PRESTIGE OF SUDAN BY THEIR RASH AGGRESSIONS AGAINST SAUDI EMBASSY AND ASSASSINATION OF FOREIGN DEPLOMATS".

2. FOURTH COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY HAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT ASSEMBLY SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT NIAMIRI CONDEMNING BSO OPERATION.

3. HARD INFO ON COURSE OF INTERROGATION OF ASSASSINS IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE AS
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WELL AS FORMATION SPECIAL COMMISSION WHICH IS BYPASSING NORMAL SECURITY ORGANS. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT " PHASE 1" CONCERNING INVOLVEMENT SUDANESE IS NOW COMPLETED AND " PHASE 2" ON ROLE OF EXTERNAL ELEMENTS HAS BEGUN. PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED NAMES OF SIX SUDANESE IMPLICATED IN BSO ATTACK AS WELL AS " OTHER SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS". LIST INCLUDES: (1) DR. NASSIR EL SAYED, UNIVERSITY KHARTOUM, (2) DR. AMIN MOHAMOUD ABDEL GADER, PHYSICIAN KHARTOUM CIVIL HOSPITAL, (3) ABDEL MONIM AHMED EL AMIN, EMPLOYEE AT LIBYAN EMBASSY, (4) AHMED AWAD, STUDENT, (5) MOGDI SALEEM, OFFICIAL AT MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, (6) SAYED AHMED KHALLIFA. WE HAVE NO CURRENT BACKGROUND ON THE SIX IMPLICATED.

4. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND PRESIDENT NIMAIRI APPEARED ILL DURING CEREMONIES AT WAD MEDANI WEDNESDAY AND AT OTHER STOPS IN BLUE NILE PROVINCE YESTERDAY. HE REFUSED DOCTORS' ORDERS, HOWEVER, TO ABANDON SCHEDULE. SPECULATION IS THAT PRESS OF EVENTS DURING PAST WEEK INCLUDING ASSASSINATIONS, UNITY DAY CELEBRATIONS AND CEREMONIAL VISITS HAVE LEFT HIM EXHAUSTED.

5. OBVIOUS THAT SUDAN PRESS BLACKOUT PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IS NOT BEING ENFORCED AND WAS PROBABLY LIFTED PURPOSEFULLY IN ORDER PROVIDE FULL OUTLET FOR NATIONAL FEELINGS OF OUTRAGE AND INDIGNATION. ALONG THAT LINE, SOURCES CLOSE TO PRESIDENT BELIEVE SUDANESE OPINION SO STRONG THAT ANY POSITION LESS FORCEFUL THAN PRESIDENT HAS PERSONALLY ADOPTED WOULD HAVE BEEN POLITICAL ERROR. FRITTS

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